RESOLUTION NO. 6621

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA DESGINATING 909 LYNDON STREET (EAST WYNYATE) AS AN OFFICIAL SOUTH PASADENA HISTORIC LANDMARK (LANDMARK NO. 43)

WHEREAS, Section 2.73A-14 of the South Pasadena Municipal Code Ordinance #2004 (commonly known as the "Cultural Heritage Ordinance") authorized the Cultural Heritage Commission ("the Commission") to recommend to the City Council the designation of appropriate properties as landmarks; and

WHEREAS, a duly prepared nomination form has been prepared and submitted by the property owners to the Commission to register the property located at 909 Lyndon Street also known as East Wynyate; and

WHEREAS, the research and documentation submitted by the owners, Eric and Karen Steen, amply demonstrates the qualifications of the property for landmark designation; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has complied with the applicable provisions of Subsection (A) (3) ["Designation Procedure"] of the above Ordinance Section in that it visited the site, mailed notices, held a duly noticed public hearing, and received public comment: and

WHEREAS, the Commission made findings of fact pursuant to Subsection (A) (2) ["Designation Procedure"] of the above Ordinance Section, as follows:

(a) *Its character, interest or value as a part of the heritage of the community.*

The Wynyate estate, as home to the Collier Grahams, is a well-preserved reminder of an era and a tribute to a family that played significant roles in city incorporation and establishment of the community as an eminently desirable place to settle and live. East Wynyate remained in the Collier-Graham ownership until 1989.

(b) *Its association with persons who significantly contributed to local culture and development of the area and State of California.*

- **Margaret Collier Graham was an international figure in arts and letters, widely respected for her books and literary criticism.**

- **Donald Graham was a leader in the group that organized South Pasadena incorporation and establishment of a well-run and stable municipal government. As first mayor, he helped shape the establishment of a fine school system and thriving community development effort.**
- **Together, they purchased and developed the Elsinore Ranch in San Diego County in the 1880s. Profits from that venture funded construction of the Wynyate estate here in South Pasadena.**

(c) *Its exemplification of a particular architectural style of an era of history of the city.*

(d) *Its exemplification of the best remaining architectural type in a neighborhood.*

(e) *Its identification as the work of a person whose work has influenced the heritage of the City and the State of California.*

East Wynyate is the only remaining known work in the late nineteenth Century Shingle Style of Frederick L. Roehrig, one of Southern California's most accomplished and versatile architects. Several National Register listed properties were designed by Mr. Roehrig, including the Wrigley Mansion on Orange Grove, now home to the Pasadena Tournament of Roses.

WHEREAS, based on the evidence presented in the application materials, the designation being categorically exempt, sub-committee research, on-site inspection and public testimony, the Cultural Heritage Commission voted to recommend designation of this property on June 15, 2000 and forwarded the recommendation to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on the proposed designation on July 19, 2000 and received public testimony.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved the South Pasadena City Council designates East Wynyate at 909 Lyndon Street as South Pasadena Historic Landmark No. 43, based on the above-mentioned findings.

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PASSED, APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this 19th day of July, 2000

Dorothy M. Cohen
DOROTHY M. COHEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

for JEANNINE A. GREGORY, CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of South Pasadena at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 19th of July, 2000.

AYES: Knapp, Rose, Zee and Mayor Cohen
NOES: None
ABSENT: Saeta

for JEANNINE A. GREGORY, CITY CLERK